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2. Bribery Scandal Affects American Firm. Some two weeks ago Crown Prince Faysal personally ordered investigation into alleged bribery within Interior and Communications Ministries, involving contracts for one American firm, [redacted] and another American-controlled Swiss firm, [redacted] Local agents these two firms allegedly had bribed, or had attempted to bribe, key ministry officials. Outcome was that Faysal personally ordered expulsion of three Palestinians, [redacted] Princes were reprimanded, as was another [redacted] agent, who, however, is a Saudi citizen and therefore was not expelled.

American representatives of [redacted] affirmed its complete non-involvement these activities, which view currently accepted by Faysal since this company's contract will remain in force. However, all [redacted] contracts, one of which was for a $2 million water and sewage project, reportedly would be cancelled. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Embassy unable evaluate credibility of evidence against alleged guilty parties but incident constitutes certainly convincing example Faysal's determination eliminate corruption including any being practiced by members Royal Family. Still, Embassy does not exclude possibility charges manufactured by jealous competitors. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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PSYCHOLOGICAL

1. Kennedy Assassination. Wireless coverage of events following assassination of President claimed front pages of Saudi press, much Radio Mecca time during period under review. Wide useage USIS pictures, background materials. President Johnson's cables to King Saud and Crown Prince Faysal replying to their condolence messages broadcast and published. President Johnson's first days in office, speeches awarded broad coverage. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Anti-Zionist flavor given to Oswald-Ruby (Rubenstein) aspect of case, especially by al-Bilad. Paper's cartoonist, Gaaly, produced series of three acid caricatures; typical was Israeli Foreign Minister Meir shedding crocodile tears when paying condolence call on President.

Writer Sulayman Qadi, December 1 in al-Bilad penned feature related to assassination in which he attacked rightest groups in US. (UNCLASSIFIED)

For the Ambassador:

Richard W. Murphy
Second Secretary of Embassy

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